Cases of cancer treated in Government hospitals.

83. * **Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how many persons suffering from cancer have come to the Government hospitals in the State for treatment during the last five years ;

(*b*) how many of them have been admitted and treated in such hospitals, and how many have been directed to other private institutions for treatment ; and

(*c*) whether the Government have made any arrangements for introducing radium treatment in any of the Government hospitals in the State ; and, if not, whether any steps are being taken to introduce that system of treatment ?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Statistics are not available at present.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), these do not arise.

(*c*) No. Its introduction has to wait for better financial conditions.

Interpellations asked at the Assembly and Council in 1108 and 1109.

84. * **Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to furnish information on the following points :

(*a*) how many interpellations have been received by them from the members of : —

(i) The Sri Mulam Assembly, and

(ii) The Sri Chitra State Council, in 1108 and in 1109 up to date (15-11-1109) ; and

(*b*) how many of them have been answered and how many remain unanswered ?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai: (*a*) and (*b*). A statement containing the information is laid on the table.

Fees for the X-ray examinations conducted from 1107 to 1109.

85. * **Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how many cases of X-ray examination have been conducted during 1107, 1108 and 1109 and what is the aggregate of fees realised thereby ; and

(*b*) how much of that amount was paid to the doctor who conducted the examination ?

* *Vide* Appendix II—page 560.

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Mr. James Simpson (*Darbar Physician*):

(*a*) *Year*	*No. of cases of X-ray examination.*	*Fees realised.*
		Rs.
1107	812	1,011
1108	1,341	1,200
1109 up to the end of Mithunam	1,964	1,560

(*b*) *Year.*	*Amount paid to the Radiologist.*
	Rs.
1107	505-14-0
1108	600-0-0
1109	583-0-0 to the Radiologist and Rs. 197 to the Assistant to the Radiologist.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I know what is the proportion of the examinations conducted for which no fees were levied?

Mr. James Simpson: You want the proportion between the Radiologist and his assistants?

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: No, I want the proportion between the examinations for which fees were charged and those which were freely conducted.

Mr. James Simpson: I am afraid I have to claim notice for that.

Opening of a dispensary at Puthenchira.

86. * **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the public of Puthenchira pakuthi have memoralised them for the opening of a dispensary at Puthenchira; and if so, when the memorial was first received and what steps have been taken on the memorial?

Mr. James Simpson: Yes, in 1921. The opening of new dispensaries in the State has been postponed to better times.

Mr. G. Narayaa Aiyar: May I know from the member whether there is any dispensary in Puthenchira owned by private practitioners?

Mr. James Simpson: I claim notice.

Mr. G Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether the people of Puthenchira have not to go to Parur for medical aid in all cases?

Mr. James Simpson: They have to go to the nearest hospital; I think Parur is the nearest place.

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